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SUBJECT: NO NICARAGUAN STATEMENT AS YET ON THE AL-ASKARIYA  
SHRINE BOMBING

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(SBU) On February 23, poloff delivered the talking points in reftel to Miriam Fonseca, Director of the Foreign Ministry's Asia, Africa, Middle East and Oceania section. Fonseca replied that the ministry would study the USG request, but noted that any Nicaraguan statement on the bombing would have to be approved by Foreign Minister Norman Caldera, who has been out of the country for most of the last two weeks. Post will continue to follow up with the Foreign Ministry and will report any substantive developments.  
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